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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT CONFIRMING THE READINESS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA TO HOST THE FUTURE COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION (CTBTO) IN VIENNA

I have the honour to confirm herewith that the Federal Government of Austria is ready to host the future Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in Vienna. This offer is valid for all future organs of the Organization including an International Data Centre (IDC). If it were decided to establish a Preparatory Commission for the purpose of carrying out the necessary preparations for the implementation of a future Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), this body would also be welcome to take up its work in Vienna.

It is our view that a CTBTO will operate most efficiently and cost-effectively either within or in close proximity to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Thus, this offer is considered by my authorities to be a logical consequence of the current state of negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban.

It goes without saying that Austria would take all necessary measures in order to ensure the establishment of a future CTBTO at best conditions, i.e. in analogy to those which apply to the international organizations having already set up their headquarters in Vienna.

I would be grateful if you could see that this letter be circulated, both as a working paper of the above-mentioned Committee and as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed) Prof. Winfried Lang
Ambassador